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THASPIUM TRIFOLIATUM (APIACEAE) AND RANUNCULUS MARGINATUS (RANUNCULACEAE) NEW TO TEXAS—A collection of Tbaspium trifoliatum (L.) Gray var. flavum Blake (13 Apr 1985, McFarlane 30 [SBSC, SMU, TEX]) from the Damuth Nature Sanctuary near Cleveland, Liberty County is the first reported for Texas. Thaspium trifoliatum ranges throughout the eastern United States southwest to Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Variety flavum is yellow-flowered and more common westward whereas variety trifoliatum is purple-flowered but more common eastward. (Cooperrider 1985, Gleason & Cronquist 1963, Smith 1978).

Ranunculus marginatus d'Urv. was taken 28 April 1984 from a weedy area in the Armand Bayou Nature Center near Clear Lake City in Harris County (Brown 7249 [PAC, SBSC, SMU]). Because of the somewhat similar achene faces these plants keyed to R. muricatus L. (Correll & Johnston 1979), but they differ from R. muricatus in their longer peduncles, more pubescent habit, and shorter achene beaks (Keener 1976). Ranunculus marginatus is native to the Mediterranean region and Shinners (1962) reported it (as R. trachycarpus Fisch. & Meyer) new to North America from Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. I wish to thank Carl S. Keener (PAC) for providing the identification of my collection.—Larry E. Brown, Spring Branch Science Center and Houston Community College, 726 Horncastle Street, Channelview, TX 77530, U.S.A.

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